

Appendix A. At-Sea Hake Observer Program (A-SHOP) Guidelines & Policies

Observer Eligibility, Exam and Training Completion Elements

Each observer must:

1. Have completed the 3 week training with the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program (NPGOP) and have at least one successful deployment to Alaska prior to observing for the A-SHOP.
2. Have a satisfactory rating for every vessel/plant from their most recent deployment, either from Alaska or the A-SHOP. (Ratings: 1 = satisfactory and 0 = unsatisfactory)
3. Have completed either the 3 week NPGOP training or a 4-day NPGOP briefing within the calendar year in order to be eligible to enroll in an A-SHOP training.
4. Complete the safety training and meet any requirements for participating in drills and donning equipment, including donning an immersion suit in less than 60 seconds.
5. Pass the fish exam with an 80% or better.
6. Pass the written quiz with an 80% or better. This quiz is closed book.
7. Arrive on time, at the beginning of each day and returning from breaks. Tardiness may result in being dropped from the class.
8. Attend the full 3-day A-SHOP training.
9. Not use any electronic devices during fish lab or exam.

Observers who do not pass both the fish exam and the written quiz must take the full A-SHOP training again. In the spring, when back-to-back trainings are offered, observers in the first training may not repeat the training immediately afterwards in the second training. Spring trainings are generally full classes and this would cause the class size to be too large.

Training class size is limited to 25 observers, unless the Program allows more, as deemed necessary.